



South East Premium Wheat Growers' Association

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SEPWA variety trials in the ground

CROPS are faring well throughout the Esperance Port Zone (EPZ) following an early start to seeding and excellent rainfall events.

This year the South East Premium Wheat Growers' Association (SEPWA) has 11 canola sites, 13 wheat sites and 11 barley sites throughout the region which are representative of the different soil types and rainfall environments.

The trials play an important role in helping farmers identify the better performing varieties and have resulted in members being some of the fastest adopters of new varieties in Australia.

The trials are sponsored by SEPWA's international sponsor, Interflour.

Barley

This year there are 11 barley sites and there is a good spread of new barley lines, which include IGB 1101, Wimmera, Skipper, Fathom, Commander and other varieties released in 2012 including Bass, Flinders and Grange.

Other varieties include Hindmarsh, Commander, Baudin, Oxford, Henley, Gairdner, Buloke, Scope, Fleet, Vlamingh and Mundah.

All varieties in the SEPWA barley variety trials will be fully analysed for yield and quality parameters including colour, pro-

tein, screenings, hectolitre weight, staining and other quality issues.

Wheat

This year there are 13 wheat lines included in the wheat trials which will be benchmarked against Mace, a popular variety, in terms of their performance.

New varieties include IGW 3170 and Grenade CL plus recently released varieties such as Emu Rock, Corack, Envoy, Justica CL and Longreach Cobra.

Other varieties being tested this year include Estoc, Justica CL, Scout, Magenta, Eagle Rock and Yitpi.

Detailed receival data such as protein, screenings, weight and other quality results are collected from the wheat variety trials and delivery grades determined.

Interflour, a Platinum sponsor of SEPWA, will test selected varieties to identify their suitability for noodles and milling to flour for bread.

Canola

The interest in canola continues to grow within the Esperance Port zone and hence this year SEPWA has 11 canola variety trials where 32 different varieties will be evaluated.

The trials include seven Clearfield varieties, nine Roundup Ready (RR) varieties, 14 triazine tolerant and two conventional



varieties which are Garnet and AV Zircon.

The Clearfield varieties include a number of Pioneer lines (45Y86, 44Y84 and 43Y85), Pacific varieties (Hyola 474CL and Hyola 575CL) and two Heritage varieties (Archer and Carbine).

Triazine tolerant varieties include five from Canola Breeders WA (CBWA) (CB TM Nitro HT, Atomic HT, Telfer Sturt TT and 1301 TT), five NuSeed lines (ATR TM Bonito, Stingray, Snapper,

Cobbler and Gem) and five varieties developed by Pacific (Hyola 559TT, Hyola 450TT, Hyola 555TT and Crusher TT).

Roundup Ready variety trials have been included this year at Munglinup, Wittenoom Hills and Mt Madden where nine varieties will be put to the test. These include Pioneer (43Y23, 45Y22 and EXP A13RR), Bayer (IH50RR and IH30RR), Pacific (Hyola 404 RR and Hyola 505 RR) and NuSeed (GT50 and GT 41).

The canola variety trials will be assessed for yield and oil content as well as other attributes such as diseases and pest tolerance.

Details of all trial locations are available on the SEPWA website www.sepwa.org.au and a number of the sites will be visited at the spring field days in September and October.

For more information about SEPWA trials, contact SEPWA trials co-ordinator Bill Sharp on 0428 711 375.

SEPWA LADIES' DAY 2013

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9 August | Pink Lake Country Club, Esperance | 8.30am registration

Key note speaker

Dr Rosie King

Internationally acclaimed sex therapist, educator and author.

Other speakers

MLA Member for Kalgoorlie Wendy Duncan, Nigel Metz, Ley Webster, Amy Coombe, Megan McDowell, Sarah Frost, Kevin Redd and much more!

A delicious buffet lunch will be catered for by Saltwater Catering.

A sundowner will follow at the Pier Hotel Cocktail bar from 5-7pm – nibbles on arrival.

Cost: Ladies Day – \$80 (members), \$100 (non-members)
Sundowner – \$10 (members), \$20 (non-members)

RSVP and Payment: 2nd August.
To register, please contact Jan Clawson (SEPWA Finance Officer) on 0407 990 497.

SEPWA to make harvest easier

HARVEST can be a trying and testing time for many farmers.

From a wet harvest and high moisture conditions through to drought conditions and the in between - there never appears to be a normal harvest where farmers have an easy run.

Each year farmers have to deal with such issues as contaminants in grain, shedding lupins and barley, re-growth in swathed rows, sprouted grain and much more.

These issues severely impact on farmers at harvest time with downtime in dealing with them, along with stress, a reduction in yield and grain quality and hence profitability at the end of the day.

A lot of farmers have become innovative in their approach to harvesting in a quest to maximise the quality and quantity of grain harvested and increase their returns for grain production.

Hence SEPWA would like to capture this information to help farmers become more effective at harvest and able to achieve maximum production.

The project is funded through the Council of Grain Growers Organisations (COGGO) Research fund.

The Dealing with a Difficult Harvest - a guide for Western Australian Grain Growers will result in the production of an electronic guide and case stud-



ies that will cover a range of issues and grain crops.

It will highlight industry research undertaken by experts and feature farmers who have adopted innovative practices associated with harvesting issues and crop management.

The guide will increase farmer awareness as to how to deal with difficult issues at harvest time, reduce the risk and stress experienced by growers and help improve the overall quality of WA grain through the adoption of better management of harvesting issues.

Topics to be covered include paddock issues, seasonal factors, grain quality attributes, grain storage and machinery.

SEPWA will also work in closely with the Department of Agriculture and Food.

The project will conclude in June 2014 with an electronic guide to Dealing with a Difficult Harvest available in time for the 2014-15 harvest.

For more information about the project, or should you wish to contribute, contact SEPWA executive officer Niki Curtis on 9083 1125 or email eo@sepwa.org.au

SEPWA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 9 - SEPWA Ladies Day
August 28 - Cascade Spring Field Day
September 5 - Esperance Downs Research Station Field Day
September 10 - Jerdacuttup Top Crop Spring Field Day
September 17 - North Ravensthorpe Spring Field Day
September 19 - North Mallee Field Day
September 20 - Neridup Spring Field Day
September 23 - Auschem Spray in Grain refresher course - Esperance
September 24 - Lakes Grower Group Spring Field Day
September 24 - Auschem Risk Management in Pesticide Use - Esperance
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